Miami-Dade Parks Summer Camps and Aquatic Programs It's Our Birthday. Come Party with Us! June 14-August 13, 2004

Dear Mom and Dad,

Your child is invited to attend the party of the Summer.

Summer Campers are invited to help Miami-Dade Parks celebrate its 75th Anniversary. We've planned a summer-long party. There's lots of action and adventure with our sports and nature programs. We're going to have a splashing good time while learning to swim. Music, dance and drama will be provided through our cultural arts camps. We can't have a party without cake and ice cream. On July 16, each camp will have a birthday party where parents are invited to attend.

The celebration includes a carnival with rides, games and entertainment by Radio Disney. There are also, dynamic field trips, including visits to Miami-Dade Parks' most popular family attractions: Larry and Penny Thompson Park Waterslide, Miami Metrozoo and Arch Creek Park and Museum.

You can rest assured that the party will be safe, fun and educational. Miami-Dade Parks has a tradition of providing thrilling camps that are well supervised and affordable. Our eco-adventures programs provide natural excursions such as kayaking and snorkeling while at the same time teaching children the importance of preserving our environment.

Camps are open weekdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. with parks offering early dropoff at 7:30 a.m. and late pickup at 6 p.m. For more information, call 755.7800 or visit www.miamidade.gov/parks for more information. You can also call your local park.

Registration

Registration is available by the week or for the entire summer. Contact the park or swimming pool of your choice for fees and registration information. Payment may be made by check, cash, or money order, payable to Miami-Dade County.

Disability Services: Children with disabilities are welcome in all programs. Leisure Access staff will assist in mainstreaming qualified children with disabilities into all appropriate summer programs. Sign language interpreters can be scheduled for children who are hearing impaired (request must be made seven days prior to participation). Call 305.755.7848 (V/TDD) to schedule interpreters, to receive assistance in mainstreaming or to request materials in accessible format.

General Program Camps (ages 6-14)

The joys of sports and games is a surefire way to get the party started. In our general camps, children will be thrilled and challenged by activities such as football, basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, board games and exciting field trips.

Parks are listed by address going from north to south Miami-Dade County.

North

Ojus Park, 18995 W. Dixie Hwy., 305.931.5726
Oak Grove Park, 690 NE 159 St., 305.944.8670
Highland Oaks Park, 20459 NE 24 Ave., 305.932.2164
Norman and Jean Reach Park (P.S.N.), 7901 NW 176 St., 305.823.2414
North Glade Park, 17355 NW 52 Ave., 305.621.2461
Arcola Park, 1680 NW 87 St., 305.835.7987
M. L. King Park, 6160 NW 32 Ct., 305.633.4150
Arcola Lakes Park, 1301 NW 83 St., 305.836.5095
West Little River Park, 2326 NW 84 St., 305.694.5096
Marva Y. Bannerman Park, 4830 NW 24 Ave., 305.633.4064
Olinda Park, 2101 NW 51 St., 305.633.4066
Gwen Cherry Park (Y.E.T.), 7090 NW 22 Ave., 305.694.4889
Soar Park, 100 NW 83 St., 305.756.4165
Jefferson Reaves Sr. Park, 3090 NW 50 St., 305.635.2081

Central

Ruben Dario Park, 9825 W. Flagler St., 305.222.2194
Tamiami Park, 11201 SW 24 St., 786.315.5295
Leisure Access Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., 305.665.5319 (V/TDD)
Rockway Park, 9460 SW 27 Dr., 305.223.8769
Coral Estates Park, 1405 SW 97 Ave., 305.222.2171
Tropical Estates Park, 10201 SW 48 St., 305.226.5782
Kendale Lakes Park, 7850 SW 142 Ave., 305.385.4750
Hammocks Community Park, 9885 Hammocks Blvd., 305.380.6917
Continental Park, 10000 SW 82 Ave., 305.274.9666
Ron Ehmann Park, 10995 SW 97 Ave., 305.271.3853
Colonial Drive Park, 10750 SW 156 Terr., 305.233.3045
Devonaire Park, 10411 SW 122 Ave., 305.270.4951
McMillan Park, 6125 SW 133 Ave., 305.382.6407

South

Sgt. Joseph Delancy Park, 14450 Boggs Dr., 305.235.4503 West Perrine Park, 17121 SW 104 Ave., 305.235.2053 Eureka Park, 18320 SW 119 Ave., 305.235.2151 Cutler Ridge Park, 10100 SW 200 St., 305.238.4166 Goulds Park, 21805 SW 114 Ave., 305.238.5100 Naranja Park, 14150 SW 264 St., 305.258.1945 Leisure Lake Park, 29305 Illinois Rd., 305.248.1527

South Dade Park, 28151 SW 164 Ave, 305.247.9453 Modello Park, 28450 SW 152 Ave., 305.247.1553 Camp Matecumbe, 11400 SW 137 Ave., 305.234.4948

Sport Camps

Cheerleading/Dance Camp (ages 6-14)

Learn jumps, chants, and modern and jazz dance techniques. Program includes field trips.

Tamiami Park, 11201 SW 24 St., 786.315.5295

Basketball Camp (ages 8-14)

Trained staff will teach team and individual play using defensive and offensive drills to improve skills and knowledge of the game. Program includes field trips and tournaments.

Tamiami Park, 11201 SW 24 St., 786.315.5295

Country Village Park at North Dade Middle School, 1840 NW 157 St., 305.820.8559

Football Camp (ages 9-17)

This is an intensive camp on football fundamentals, including position skill drills, film sessions and 7-on-7 games. Swimming is part of the program.

Tropical Park, 7900 SW 40 St., 305.226.8315, ext. 221

Soccer Camp (ages 8-16)

Boys and girls can develop soccer skills. Program includes drills and games. Amelia Earhart Sports Complex, 6900 W. Palm Ave., Hialeah, 305.685.8389

Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp (ages 6 -16)

Children with physical disabilities will learn about techniques and equipment for wheelchair sports and recreation. Field trips, arts and crafts and aquatics are included.

Camp Matecumbe, 1140 SW 137 Ave., 305.234.4948

Golf Camp

(ages 7-17) Learn the basics of golf or sharpen your game and enjoy playing in tournaments. One week sessions from June 14-August 6. Full-day (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) and half-day sessions available (9 a.m.-12 p.m.).

Palmetto Golf Course, 9300 SW 152 St., 305.238.7507

Tennis Camps (ages 5-15)

Learn the fundamentals of tennis. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. or 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tamiami Tennis Center, 11201 SW 24 St., 305.223.7076

Continental Tennis Center, 10001 SW 82 Ave., 305.271.0732 Ron Ehmann Tennis Center, 10995 SW 97 Ave., 305.271.7731 Ives Estate Tennis Center, 1475 Ives Dairy Rd., 305.652.7260 Tropical Tennis Center, 7900 SW 40 St., 305.223.8710 Crandon Park Tennis Center, 7300 Crandon Blvd., 305.365.2300 North Glade Park, 17355 NW 52 Ave., 305.621.2461

National Junior Tennis League (ages 14 and under)

This non-profit organization provides free tennis lessons and equipment to youngsters at selected general program camps. For more information, call 305.666.8103.

Cultural Arts Camps

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center (ages 6-16)

The Summer Arts Academy at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center provides developmental instruction in the visual arts, dance, costume design, musical theatre, drama, instrumental and vocal music. Students take six classes daily that are taught by experienced art professionals. At the conclusion of the tenweek program, a grand recital is held at the Joseph Caleb Auditorium to showcase student's newly acquired arts accomplishments.

African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, 2166 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, 305.638.6771

Raíces (Roots) Hispanic Heritage Cultural Center (ages 6-14)

The "Raices" Summer Arts Program gives students an appreciation of Hispanic art forms and traditions. The camp offers creative enlightenment and professional instruction in puppetry, drama, dance, instrumental and choral music, folk arts, ceramics, costume design. The program also includes cultural field trips, community performances and the opportunity to explore nature's creative side in the butterfly garden. Camp culminates with a final recital of the nine-week program.

Raíces at Miller Drive Park, 5510 SW 94 Ct., 305.271.0812

Nature Camps

Bill Graham Farm Village Summer Camp (ages 6-14)

City kids get a taste of rural life in this camp, which includes farm activities, agricultural studies and interaction with livestock.

Amelia Earhart Park, 11900 NW 42 Ave., 305.681.4011

Camp Manatee (ages 6-14)

Boys and girls have fun exploring the South Florida environment. Activities include canoeing (ages 9 and older), hiking, games, arts and crafts, field trips, and hands-on nature studies. Environmental themes change weekly.

Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, 305.948.2891/305.944.6111

Camp on the Sea (ages 12-16)

This is an enjoyable South Florida ecology/marine science program which includes canoeing, kayaking and snorkeling trips throughout Biscayne Bay and to other South Florida locations.

A.D. Barnes Park Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., 305.662.4124

Camp Cutler Nature Camp (ages 9-12) and Turtle Camp (ages 6-8)

Boys and girls learn all about nature through hands-on activities, games, canoeing, fishing, arts and crafts, field trips, marine walks and live animal presentations.

Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., 305.255.4767

Summer Nature Fun Camp (ages 7-12)

Children will explore nature's wonders through classroom lectures, fun games, crafts and supervised outdoor exploration with experienced leaders. Guided field trips to Everglades National Park and other wilderness areas allow children to observe birds and other wildlife in their natural habitats and increase their knowledge about natural Florida. It's fun, like nature intended. Castellow Hammock Park, 22301 SW 162 Ave.,305.242.7688

Nature Detectives (ages 6-8) and Nature Explorers Camp (9-12)

These camps stress nature education through games, arts and crafts, wildlife studies, swimming, field trips, canoeing, and fishing.

A.D. Barnes Park Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., 305.662.4124

Deering Estate Kids Camp: Nature, History, Archaeology (ages 7-14)

Kids have the special opportunity to experience nature and learn about South Florida's **history**, **archaeology**, **plants** and **animals** at the Deering Estate, Miami's window to the past! Two-week sessions from June 14-August 6; One week session August 9-13.

Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., 305.235.1668

Summer Zoofari (ages 4-13)

Miami Metrozoo offers children a fun and recreational camp based on animal science. Activities include crafts, zookeepers' talks, wildlife shows and behind-the-scene tours. Camp runs from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with early dropoff and late pickup. June 14-August 6.

Miami Metrozoo, 12400 SW 152 St., 305.255.5551

Aquatic Programs

Junior Lifeguard Program (ages 9-17)

Learn about the responsibilities of ocean lifeguards, sound aquatic skills, water hazards, and good sportsmanship. All participants will be required to pass a swimming test.

Crandon Park Beach Safety, 4000 Crandon Blvd., 305.361.7373 First session: Tryout June 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; June 14-July 9. Second session: Tryout July 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; July 19-August 13 (Meets 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays).

Haulover Park Beach Safety, 10800 Collins Ave., 305.944.3040 First session: Tryout June 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; June 15-July 8; Second session: Tryout July 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; July 20-August 12 (Meets 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Beach-Ocean Awareness Program (ages 6-17)

Children learn about the buddy system, ocean hazards, marine life identification. beach etiquette, and more in a free one-time event at the beach. All instruction done on dry land; participants do not enter the water. Tuesdays and Thursdays (one day session from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Crandon Park Beach Safety, 4000 Crandon Blvd., 305.361.7373

Amelia Earhart Jr. Sailing Summer Program (ages 9-14)

Through hands-on activities, boys and girls learn all about sailing, including lake facilities for sailing practices, competitions, special events and water safety. Amelia Earhart Park, 11900 NW 42 Ave., 305.769.2693

Learn-to-Swim

Boys and girls are taught to swim by certified American Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. Various levels of courses are offered for children and adults, plus Tiny Tots (ages 3-5). For more information or to register, contact the pool of your interest. For information on Adaptive Aquatics programs for children with disabilities, call Miami-Dade Parks Leisure Access Services at 305.755.7848 (V/TDD).

*Pools that are handicapped accessible.

*A.D. Barnes, 3401 SW 72 Ave., 305.665.1626 Arcola, 1680 NW 87 St., 305.691.5104 *Cutler Ridge, 10100 SW 200 St., 305.238.5344 *Goulds, 21840 SW 114 Ave., 305.233.0537 Gwen Cherry, 2591 NW 71 St., 305.691.2439 Helen Sands (South Dade), 16350 SW 280 St., 305.248.1386 Marva Y. Bannerman, 4829 NW 24 Ave., 305.635.2461 *Naranja, 14150 SW 264 St., 305.258.4534 *Palm Springs North, 7901 NW 176 St., 305.558.3762 Rockway, 9460 SW 27 Dr., 305.223.8742

Richmond (Sgt. Delancy Park), 14450 Boggs Dr., 305.238.5692

*Tamiami, 11201 SW 24 St., 305.223.7077 Tropical Estates, 10201 SW 48 St., 305.221.5041